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THIS IS A SITUATION SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE SINO-LAOTIAN BORDER FROM 8 NOV TO 14 NOV 63. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A COLLATION OF REPORTS FROM A NUMBER OF HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES.

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1. SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT A BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ACROSS MEKONG RIVER AT NA-PAN (22-00N 100-48E).

2. TWO AREAS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ARE REPORTED IN THE HUI-PO-YEN AREA NEAR THE LAOS BORDER. ONE SOURCE CLAIMS A POSSIBLE STRONGPOINT WITH 3 BLDGS IS LOCATED AT HUI-PO-YEN (21-14N 101-16E). A SECOND SOURCE STATES THAT A POSSIBLE MILITARY CAMP WITH APPROXIMATELY 30 BLDGS IS LOCATED AT 21-18N 101-18E.

3. REPORTS INDICATE A MILITARY AREA AT THE NE EDGE OF MENG-HSI (22-01N 100-15E). INSTALLATION REPORTEDLY CONSISTS OF 5 BLDGS WITHIN A WALLED COMPOUND.

4. SEVERAL REPORTS STATE THAT A LARGE MILITARY BARRACKS AREA IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTH EDGE OF FO-HAI (21-58N 100-28E). THIS INSTALLATION IS REPORTEDLY WITHIN 2 ADJACENT SECURED AREAS AND CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 150 BARRACKS AND 100 MISCELLANEOUS BLDGS. TWO SMALL ARMS RANGES AND OTHER TRAINING FACILITIES ARE LOCATED

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IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOUTH OF THE BARRACKS AREAS. NO VEHICLES OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WERE REPORTED.

5. A MILITARY CAMP IS REPORTED TO BE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM NNE OF MAN-NAI AT 21-50N 100-23E. SOURCE STATES THAT CAMP CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 15 BARRACKS AND 50 MISCELLANEOUS BLDGS. NO VEHICLES OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

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6. SOURCE REPORTS A POSSIBLE REST/REFUELING POINT LOCATED AT THE WEST EDGE OF BOUN NEAU (21-38N 101-54E). CAMP REPORTEDLY CONTAINS ONE BARRACKS TYPE AND 5 MISCELLANEOUS BLDGS. NO VEHICLES WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

7. REPORTS INDICATE AN OLD FORT AT THE SE EDGE OF MUONG LUONG NAM THA (20-57N 101-02E) WITH APPROXIMATELY 10 BLDGS SECURED BY A WALL AND A DRY MOAT.

8. SOURCE REPORTS A MILITARY CAMP 20-48N 100-50E REPORTEDLY CONTAINING 2 BARRACKS AND 3 OTHER BLDGS AND ENCLOSED BY A TRENCH AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITION.

9. MILITARY CAMP REPORTEDLY LOCATED AT MUONG KANG (21-03N 101-00E) CONSISTS OF 5 BLDGS ENCLOSED BY TRENCH AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS. SCP-1

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